Claim 3 (amended) A spherical agglomerate of telithromycin of claim 2, wherein the median size of the particles is between 80 and 150 microns.

Claim 4 (amended) A spherical agglomerate of telithromycin of claim 1, wherein the median size of the particles is about 100 microns.

Claim 5 (amended) A process for the preparation of agglomerates of claim 1, comprising preparing a suspension of telithromycin crystals, and coating the crystals with a phase insoluble in telithromycin from which telithromycin progressively crystallizes.

Claim 6 (amended) The process of claim 5, wherein a solution of telithromycin in acetone is used.

Claim 7 (amended) The process of claim 5, wherein the crystallization takes place in an acetone/isopropyl ether mixture.

Claim 8 (amended) The process of claim 5, wherein the crystallization is carried out between -5°C and -15°C.

Cancel claims 9 to 13 and add the following claims.

^{--14.} A spherical agglomerate of claim 1 micro-encapsulated in